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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SG/US)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on February 17, 2009 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed February 17, 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants basically argue that Watanabe et al. fail to provide "a positioning server receiving positioning information from a positioning controller," mobile terminal never send position information, and that "position information... received at the positioning server responsive to periodic expirations of a watchdog timer." Further, Applicants argue that Watanabe et al. do not provide "presence indicia."

Examiner respectfully disagrees, because Watanabe et al. teach that the mobile terminal (client includes positioning controller) sends a location registration request signal to the base station (positioning server) which includes status information. The status information includes the speed of the mobile terminal (position information). Although the base station and the location information management node may actually

determine the location area, the status (i.e. speed) is used for determining the location (paragraph 10). The current speed of the terminal reflects its position information, although moving. Further, the status information advertised by the mobile terminal includes a status number that corresponds to a location area, reading on the claimed "position location information," since the claim does not require the actual present location, but rather information of/on the position/location (paragraph 12). Also, once the status information (presence indicia) is transmitted to the base station with the location request signal (paragraph 10) and forwarded to the location management node, a periodic location registration timer value is set, which reads on the claimed "watchdog timer." This value is transmitted to the management node and to the mobile terminal. The periodic location registration timer is activated, and upon expiration, another location request signal is transmitted with the mobile terminal status (position information... received at the positioning server responsive to periodic expirations of a watchdog timer).

Applicants argue that the Stewart and McDowell references fail to disclose the claimed limitations. In particular, Stewart does not activate a timer in response to registration or presence indicia, and McDowell does not provide for a timer being activated responsive to a registration of said associated ones with said telecommunications server or for determining when location information is to be received. Further, Applicants argue that none of the secondary references teach "activating a periodic timer upon device registration or for determining when position information is to be received."

Examiner contends that Stewart is used to overcome the limitation "timer for determining when said position information is to be received," not in the activation of the timer (centralized base station is capable of waiting a preselected time from receipt of location request signal). McDowell is used to teach of the features of a "presence control unit," and "location control unit." The Watanabe reference is incorporated to overcome the limitations of "periodic timer" and "timer initialized responsive to receiving indicia of a presence," as discussed above. The secondary references are used to overcome secondary and depending limitations.

Therefore, in view of the preceding response, Examiner maintains previous rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. **Claims 19-21** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by **Watanabe et al. (US 2003/0013444 A1)**.

Consider **claims 19-21**, Watanabe et al. clearly show and disclose a telecommunications system, comprising: a plurality of network clients including a positioning controller and a communications controller (mobile terminal sends its

mobile device number and mobile terminal status information by adding them to a location registration request signal [paragraphs 33, 36]); and a positioning server configured to receive position information from said positioning controller (Upon receiving the location registration request signal, the base station determines a location area based on the mobile terminal status information at the location area determining function unit 3c [paragraph 36]), wherein position information is received at the positioning server responsive to periodic expirations of a watchdog timer, the watchdog timer initialized responsive to receiving indicia of a presence of associated ones of the plurality of network clients (Upon receiving the location registration request signal, the base station determines a location area based on the mobile terminal status information at the location area determining function unit 3c. Then, a periodic location registration timer value corresponding to the mobile terminal status number is determined at the periodic location registration timer value storing unit. Then, the base station transmits the location registration request signal to the location information management node [paragraph 36]); positioning server includes said watchdog timer; plurality of network clients includes said watchdog timer (When the periodic location registration timer expires, a location registration request is sent to the base station, and settings for a location area are made based on the mobile terminal status information sent from the mobile terminal [paragraph 36]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. **Claims 1-3, 7-9, 14 and 15** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Stewart (US 6,643,516 B1)** in view of **Watanabe et al. (US 2003/0013444 A1)**.

Consider **claim 1**, Stewart clearly shows and discloses a telecommunications system comprising: plurality of network clients including a positioning controller and a communications controller (a telephone system comprising a plurality of first telephones and a remote portable telephone including a position locator and a telephone exchange **16** [column 2, lines 25-32]), and positioning server configured to receive position location information from said positioning controller (a centralized base station **17** with a transceiver for receiving location signals from a portable

telephone that includes the position locator [column 2, lines 53-55]); positioning server includes a timer for determining when said position location information is to be received from associated ones of said plurality of network clients (wherein centralized base station includes a router which receives incoming location request signals and is capable of waiting a preselected time from receipt of location request signal [column 4, lines 53-65] wherein it is inherent that a timer is necessary for this process).

However, Stewart fails to disclose that the system uses a periodic timer.

In the same field of endeavor, Watanabe et al. clearly show and disclose positioning server includes a periodic timer for determining when said position information is to be received from associated ones of said plurality of network clients responsive to receiving indicia of a presence of said associated ones such that said position information is received responsive to periodic expirations of the timer (Upon receiving the location registration request signal, the base station determines a location area based on the mobile terminal status information at the location area determining function unit 3c. Then, a periodic location registration timer value corresponding to the mobile terminal status number is determined at the periodic location registration timer value storing unit. Then, the base station transmits the location registration request signal to the location information management node; when the periodic location registration timer expires, a location registration request is sent to the base station, and settings for a location area are made based on the mobile terminal status information sent from the mobile terminal [paragraph 36]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a periodic timer to update location information as taught by Watanabe et al. in the system of Stewart, in order to provide the server with updated information on the mobile unit or portable telephone.

Consider **claim 2**, Stewart, as modified by Watanabe et al., clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention **as applied to claim 1 above**, and in addition, Stewart further discloses positioning controller receives global positioning network signals for determining a position of an associated network client (the telephone system comprises a portable phone with a position locator, such as a GPS locator, thus making the locator capable of receiving of global positioning network signals for determining position [column 1, lines 50-54]).

Consider **claim 3**, Stewart, as modified by Watanabe et al., clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention **as applied to claim 2 above**, and in addition, Stewart further discloses communications controller comprises a cellular network controller for transmitting on a cellular telephone network to said server (the first telephones and the remote portable telephone could have cableless connections such as radio or satellite connections; the first telephone could also be a portable telephone, thus making the telephone exchange a cellular network system [column 4, lines 18 –25]).

Consider **claim 7**, Stewart clearly shows and discloses a telecommunications device comprising: positioning controller adapted to determine location positioning information for said telecommunications device (a portable telephone comprises a

position locator, which can determine location of the portable phone and generate a corresponding location signal [column 2, lines 1-4]), and wireless data controller adapted to receive said location positioning information from said positioning controller and cause said location positioning information to be transmitted to an associated server at predetermined intervals (a transceiver **46** [wireless data controller] connected to the antenna of the portable telephone, receives location signals from the GPS location detector **40**, and the transmits signal to the centralized base station, from which the location request code was received **216**; if the location request code requests location reports at predetermined time intervals, the processor **32** checks the timer and waits for predetermined time interval to elapse, then location from detector is transmitted to base station [fig. 2, column 5, lines 21-23; column 6, line 1, column 7, lines 51-60, 65-67; column 8, lines 1-8]).

However, Stewart fails to disclose that the system uses a periodic timer.

In the same field of endeavor, Watanabe et al. clearly show and disclose wireless data controller adapted to receive said location positioning information from said positioning controller and cause said positioning information to be transmitted to an associated server at predetermined periodic intervals responsive to an activation with the associated server and upon expiration of a watchdog timer that begins a first count upon said activation (Upon receiving the location registration request signal, the base station determines a location area based on the mobile terminal status information at the location area determining function unit 3c. Then, a periodic location registration timer value corresponding to the mobile terminal status number

is determined at the periodic location registration timer value storing unit. Then, the base station transmits the location registration request signal to the location information management node; when the periodic location registration timer expires, a location registration request is sent to the base station, and settings for a location area are made based on the mobile terminal status information sent from the mobile terminal [paragraph 36]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a periodic timer to update location information as taught by Watanabe et al. in the system of Stewart, in order to provide the server with updated information on the mobile unit or portable telephone.

Consider **claim 8**, Stewart, as modified by Watanabe et al., clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention **as applied to claim 7 above**, and in addition, Stewart further discloses positioning controller receives Global Positioning System (GPS) signals to determine said positioning information (the portable telephone has a position locator such as a GPS receiver [column 1, lines 50-53; figure 2]).

Consider **claim 9**, Stewart, as modified by Watanabe et al., clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention **as applied to claim 7 above**, and in addition, Stewart further discloses wireless data controller is adapted to receive requests from said server to provide positioning information-related updates to said server (a portable telephone has a transceiver, connected to the antenna of the portable telephone, receives location signals from the GPS location detector, and the

transmits signal to the centralized base station [column 5, lines 21-23; column 6, line 1; column 7, lines 51-60, figure 2]).

Consider **claim 14**, Stewart clearly shows and discloses telecommunications method comprising: receiving one or more location positioning signals at a wireless device (a method of communicating with a portable telephone; directing a location request signal to a position locator on the portable telephone, which can determine the location of the portable telephone and generate a corresponding location signal [column 3, lines 1-4, 30-35]); and transmitting location position updates from said wireless device via a wireless data network to a server, said server including a timer for determining when said location position updates are to be received from said wireless device (transmitting the location signal from the portable device to the centralized base station, wherein centralized base station includes a router which receives incoming location request signals and is capable of waiting a preselected time from receipt of location request signal. It is inherent that a timer is necessary for this process [column 3, lines 35-37; column 4, lines 53-65; figure 4B]).

However, Stewart fails to disclose that the system uses a periodic timer.

In the same field of endeavor, Watanabe et al. clearly show and disclose transmitting location position updates from said wireless device via a wireless data network to a server, said server including a periodic timer for determining when said position updates are to be received from said wireless device, said timer being activated responsive to a registration of said associated ones with said server, wherein said location position updates are to be received upon periodic expirations

of the timer (Upon receiving the location registration request signal, the base station determines a location area based on the mobile terminal status information at the location area determining function unit 3c. Then, a periodic location registration timer value corresponding to the mobile terminal status number is determined at the periodic location registration timer value storing unit. Then, the base station transmits the location registration request signal to the location information management node; when the periodic location registration timer expires, a location registration request is sent to the base station, and settings for a location area are made based on the mobile terminal status information sent from the mobile terminal [paragraph 36]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a periodic timer to update location information as taught by Watanabe et al. in the system of Stewart, in order to provide the server with updated information on the mobile unit or portable telephone.

Consider **claim 15**, Stewart, as modified by Watanabe et al., clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention **as applied to claim 14 above**, and in addition, Stewart further discloses receiving one or more positioning signals comprises receiving one or more signals from a global positioning network (a portable telephone with a position locator such as a GPS receiver. The GPS location detector uses signals from any series of positioning satellites to ascertain the geographical location of the portable telephone [column 1, lines 51-52; column 6, lines 4-7]).

5. **Claims 4-6 and 16-18** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Stewart (US 6,643,516 B1)** in view of **Watanabe et al. (US 2003/0013444 A1)**, and in further view of **Verdonk (US 6,330,454 B1)**.

Consider **claim 4**, and as applied to **claim 1** above, Stewart, as modified by Watanabe et al., clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention except that the centralized base station queries the plurality of first telephones and portable telephone for a location request or location signal in the preselected time.

In the same field of endeavor, Verdonk discloses a system server sends one or more queries to an associated network client if a predetermined status message has not been received within a predetermined period as determined upon expiration said timer (upon initiation of the location determination for a mobile unit [network clients], the customer server **140** sends a location determination request to the Service Control Point (SCP) **142**. The SCP receives the location determination request, and sends it to the home location register (HLR) **110**. The HLR determines the Mobile Switching Center (MSC) **102** serving the mobile unit, and sends a route request to the serving MSC. The serving MSC receives the route request and accesses its visitor location register (VLR) **108**, or sends a page to the mobile unit [column 2, lines 42-45; column 5, lines 2-4, 20-21, 33-36 and 38-41]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to enable a server in a telecommunications system to query a mobile device as taught by Verdonk in the system of Stewart, as modified by Watanabe et al., in order to provide the server with updated information on the mobile unit or portable telephone.

Consider **claim 5**, the combination of Stewart and Watanabe et al., as modified by Verdonk, clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention as **applied to claim 4 above**, and in addition, Stewart discloses predetermined status message comprises one or more identification signals (a centralized base station having a location identification means for determining the location of the calling one of the first telephones from a caller identification carried by the incoming signal [column 2, lines 56-59]).

Consider **claim 6**, the combination of Stewart and Watanabe et al., as modified by Verdonk, clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention as **applied to claim 4 above**, and in addition, Verdonk discloses predetermined status message comprises one or more location-related update signals (the customer server sends a location determination request to the SCP, which sends a location determination request to the HLR. The HLR sends a route request to the serving MSC, which then accesses its VLR, or sends a page to the mobile unit; with the location information determined by the serving MSC, it responds to the HLR with the location information [column 2, lines 42-45; column 5, lines 2-4, 20-21, 33-41 and 55-58]).

Consider **claim 16**, and as **applied to claim 14 above**, Stewart, as modified by Watanabe et al., clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention except that the centralized base station is adapted to query the portable telephone for a location request or location signal in the preselected time.

In the same field of endeavor, Verdonk discloses server is adapted to query said wireless device if a predetermined status message has not been received within a predetermined period determined upon expiration said timer (upon initiation of the location determination for a mobile unit, the customer server sends a location determination request to the SCP, which sends a location determination request it to the HLR. The HLR sends a route request to the serving MSC, which then accesses its VLR, or sends a page to the mobile unit [column 2, lines 42-45; column 5, lines 2-4, 20-21, 33-36 and 38-41]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to enable a server in a telecommunications method to query a mobile device as taught by Verdonk in the system of Stewart, as modified by Watanabe et al., in order to provide the server with updated information the portable telephone.

Consider **claim 17**, the combination of Stewart and Watanabe et al., as modified by Verdonk, clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention as **applied to claim 16 above**, and in addition, Stewart discloses predetermined status message comprises one or more identification signals (a centralized base station having a location identification means for determining the location of the

calling one of the first telephones from a caller identification carried by the incoming signal [column 2, lines 56-59]).

Consider **claim 18**, the combination of Stewart and Watanabe et al., as modified by Verdonk, clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention as **applied to claim 16 above**, and in addition, Verdonk discloses predetermined status message comprises one or more location-related update signals (the customer server sends a location determination request to the SCP, which sends a location determination request it to the HLR. The HLR sends a route request to the serving MSC, which then accesses its VLR, or sends a page to the mobile unit; With the location information determined by the serving MSC, it responds to the HLR with the location information (column 2, lines 42-45; column 5, lines 2-4, 20-21, 33-36, 38-41 and 55-58).

6. **Claim 10** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Stewart (US 6,643,516 B1)** in view of **McDowell et al. (US 2002/0035605 A1)**, and in further view **Watanabe et al. (US 2003/0013444 A1)**.

Consider **claim 10**, Stewart clearly shows and discloses telecommunications server, comprising a timer for determining when location information is to be received from associated ones of plurality of users (a centralized base station with a transceiver, wherein the centralized base station includes a router which receives incoming location request signals and is capable of waiting a preselected time from receipt of location request signal [column 2,

line 53; column 4, lines 53-65] wherein it is inherent that a timer is necessary for this process.)

However, Stewart does not disclose that the centralized base station includes a presence control unit and a location control unit.

In the same field of endeavor, McDowell et al. clearly show and disclose presence control unit adapted to receive and maintain presence information for a plurality of users (a computing platform [telecommunications server] that facilitates communications for wireless subscribers of a wireless network, comprising: a presence module that maintains data concerning network presence of the wireless subscribers [paragraph 34]) and location control unit adapted to receive and maintain location information for said plurality of users, said location information correlated with said presence information (a location proxy module that maintains location data concerning physical location of the wireless subscribers [paragraph 0034]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a computing platform with a presence module, as well as a location proxy module as taught by McDowell et al. in view of Stewart, in order to receive and maintain presence and location information in a centralized base station.

However, Stewart fails to disclose that the system uses a periodic timer.

In the same field of endeavor, Watanabe et al. clearly show and disclose server includes a timer for determining when said location information is to be

received from associated ones of said plurality of users, said periodic timer being activated responsive to a registration of said associated ones with said telecommunications server, such that said location information is received upon periodic expirations of the timer (Upon receiving the location registration request signal, the base station determines a location area based on the mobile terminal status information at the location area determining function unit 3c. Then, a periodic location registration timer value corresponding to the mobile terminal status number is determined at the periodic location registration timer value storing unit. Then, the base station transmits the location registration request signal to the location information management node; when the periodic location registration timer expires, a location registration request is sent to the base station, and settings for a location area are made based on the mobile terminal status information sent from the mobile terminal [paragraph 36]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a periodic timer to update location information as taught by Watanabe et al. in the system of Stewart, in order to provide the server with updated information on the mobile unit or portable telephone.

7. **Claims 11, 12 and 13** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of **Stewart (US 6,643,516 B1)** and **McDowell et al.**

(US 2002/0035605 A1), in view of **Watanabe et al. (US 2003/0013444 A1)**, and in further view of **Verdonk (US 6,330,454 B1)**.

Consider **claim 11**, and **as applied to claim 10 above**, the combination of Stewart and McDowell et al., as modified by Watanabe et al., clearly show and disclose the claimed invention except that the location control unit queries an associated one of the plurality of users.

In the same field of endeavor, Verdonk clearly shows and discloses location control unit is adapted to query an associated one of said plurality of users if a predetermined status message has not been received within a predetermined period determined by said timer (upon initiation of the location determination for a mobile unit, the customer server sends a location determination request to the SCP, which sends a location determination request it to the HLR. The HLR sends a route request to the serving MSC, which then accesses its VLR, or sends a page to the mobile unit, [column 2, lines 42-45; column 5, lines 2-4, 20-21, 33-36 and 38-41]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to enable a server in a telecommunications system to query a mobile device as taught by Verdonk in the combination of Stewart and McDowell et al., as modified by Watanabe et al., in order to provide the location proxy module within the server with updated information on the mobile unit or portable telephone.

Consider **claim 12**, the combination of Stewart, McDowell et al. and Watanabe et al., as modified by Verdonk, clearly show and disclose the claimed invention **as applied to claim 11 above**, and in addition, Stewart discloses predetermined status message comprises one or more identification signals (a centralized base station having a location identification means for determining the location of the calling one of the first telephones from a caller identification carried by the incoming signal [column 2, lines 56-59]).

Consider **claim 13**, the combination of Stewart, McDowell et al. and Watanabe et al., as modified by Verdonk, clearly show and disclose the claimed invention **as applied to claim 11 above**, and in addition, Verdonk discloses predetermined status message comprises one or more location-related update signals (the customer server sends a location determination request to the SCP, which sends a location determination request it to the HLR. The HLR sends a route request to the serving MSC, which then accesses its VLR, or sends a page to the mobile unit; with the location information determined by the serving MSC, it responds to the HLR with the location information [column 2, lines 42-45; column 5, lines 2-4, 20-21, 33-36, 38-41 and 55-58]).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAIME M. HOLLIDAY whose telephone number is

(571)272-8618. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Appiah can be reached on (571) 272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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